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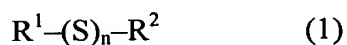
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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

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ABSTRACT

Herein is disclosed a flavor precursor composition comprising as an active ingredient a flavor precursor compound (flavor precursor compound A) in which a volatile flavor compound having a mercapto group in the molecule and a non-volatile compound having a mercapto group in the molecule are bound to form a disulfide structure, or a flavor precursor compound (flavor precursor compound B) which is an organic compound represented by Formula (1) shown below in which R^1SH is a non-volatile compound and R^2SH is a volatile compound having in the molecule a furan ring structure (including a structure where part or all of the carbon-carbon double bonds thereof are hydrogenated) or a thiophene ring structure (including a structure where part or all of the carbon-carbon double bonds thereof are hydrogenated), said Formula (1) being:



which composition can preserve, and release, the flavor effectively and can be used in the fields of fragrances and foods.